

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION
AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136
AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action mailed July 25, 2008, in the above-referenced patent Application. The Applicants thank the Examiner for a thorough examination.

The Applicant respectfully requests a three month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136. Accordingly, a payment, as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), of \$555.00 is accompanied with this response.

Further, the Applicant respectfully requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Accordingly, a payment, as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e), of \$405.00 is accompanied with this response.

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